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The following information on the LITOMERICE (N 51/F 53) engineer school was obtained up to 28 September 1949:

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2. Location: Jirího z Poděbrad Barracks. The school had been located in four civilian houses near the Upper Railroad Station up to late September 1949.

3. School cadre personnel:

a. Officers:

CO: Col NOVAK, replaced in May 1949 by Col BELOHOUBEK who was transferred to the High War Academy.
 Dpty CO and Adjutant: Staff Capt KUBIS.
 DOZ Officer: 2d Lt POSPISIL.
 Education Officer: Maj HRIVNA.
 Instructional director: Staff Capt Professor MORAVEC
 Instructor of infantry tactics: Staff Capt KEYIR
 Instructor of demolition service: Staff Capt KUKAN
 Instructor of mine service: 1st Lt NOVAK
 Other instructor: Lt Col MUDRA.

b. Units:

Headquarters company: 107 men, including one mounted platoon, one motor transport platoon and auxiliary personnel.

Instruction company: 80 men, commanded by Staff Capt PODIVIN, furnished instructors and did river regulation work on the Elbe River.

c. An unidentified Soviet colonel was attached to the school. He replaced Col PIENAREVSKI in the spring of 1949.

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4. Courses:

- a. Course for engineer reserve officer candidates. Reserve officer candidates of the 1927 and 1928 classes were to be enrolled on 1 October 1949. The course from 1 October 1948 to early June 1949 had five hundred men, organized into four companies, three of high school graduates and one of picked Communists without particular education.
 - b. Course for engineer reserve officers. The last six-week course started about the end of June 1949. These trainees were also organized into four companies.
 - c. Course for students of the ERANICE (P 50/C 25) Military Academy. Each course, conducted by Staff Capt LUZUM, had 35 to 40 students.
 - d. Demonstrations for officers of the High War Academy. Ten-day demonstrations by the instruction company in all fields of engineer service were occasionally held for officers of the High War Academy (staff captains up to lieutenant colonels). Four or five Polish officers were usually observed with such officer groups.
 - e. Training in courses: Handling of Soviet and German mines. River crossing using British Bailey equipment, German pontoons and pneumatic rafts. Handling of German bazookas (Panzerfaust). Use of Soviet, German and British explosives.

6. Motor vehicles:

- 6 trucks
- 2 busses
- 5 passenger cars
- 35 motorcycles
- 1 snowmobile tractor
- 3 half-track vehicles
- 11 amphibious cars, including 6 of Volkswagen make
- 12 boat-carrying motor vehicles
- 5 bulldozers of US make.

The school was to receive three or four training tanks in early October 1949.

7. Other troop units:

- a. LI TO ENICL: One light artillery battalion) in the POD
Mounted platoon of the engineer) Kadbozou
school) Barracks in the
northwestern
sector of the
town on the road
to KSTI nad LAME
(W 51/F 44).

b. PRHEZIN: 1st Bngr Regt in the Jan Zizka Barracks.
Artillery unit)
Signal battalion) in the Prokop Holy Barracks
23th Inf Bn in the Jan Jiskry Barracks.

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[redacted] Comment:

a. The report confirms the following known units up to 28 September 1948:

(1) LITOMERICE engineer school [redacted] (known since May 1948). 25X1

(2) TEREZIN 1st Engr Regt [redacted] 25X1

(3) LITOMERICE light artillery battalion, presumably the 253rd AT Bn of the 12th Inf Div.

(4) TEREZIN 28th Mtz Inf Bn of the 5th Mtz Inf Div, quartered in the Jan JISKY Barracks.

b. No information is available as to the [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] subordination (to the 5th Mtz Inf Div or 12th Inf Div?) of the artillery unit and the signal battalion reportedly quartered in the Prokop Holý Barracks, TEREZIN.

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